

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A semiconductor cooling device comprising:
2 a cold plate for cooling a semiconductor element;
3 a condenser;
4 an inverter-controlled refrigerant pump, said cold plate, condenser and
5 refrigerant pump being fluid connected in series with each other to define a
6 refrigerating cycle;
7 a fan for cooling said condenser;
8 a temperature detector disposed in proximity to said semiconductor
9 element; and
10 a controller for controlling said refrigerant pump and said fan;
11 wherein said controller controls the number of revolutions of said
12 refrigerant pump and that of said fan depending on a value measured by said
13 temperature detector.
- 1 2. The semiconductor cooling device according to claim 1, wherein the
2 temperature detector is accommodated in said semiconductor element.
- 1 3. The semiconductor cooling device according to claim 1, wherein when
2 the amount of heat emitted from said semiconductor element is less than a
3 predetermined level, said controller reduces the number of revolutions of said fan
4 before that of said refrigerant pump.
- 1 4. The semiconductor cooling device according to claim 1, wherein when
2 the value measured by said temperature detector increases more than a
3 predetermined value within a predetermined period of time, said controller maximizes
4 the number of revolutions of said fan and thereafter increases the number of
5 revolutions of said refrigerant pump step by step while comparing the value
6 measured by said temperature detector with a value set in said controller, and
7 wherein when the number of revolutions of said refrigerant pump has reached a
8 maximum value, if the value measured by said temperature detector does not

9 become less than the set value, said controller outputs an alarm signal.

1 5. The semiconductor cooling device according to claim 1, wherein said
2 controller watches a signal indicative of a current value of said refrigerant pump, and
3 if such current value becomes greater than a value set in said controller, said
4 controller outputs an alarm signal.

1 6. The semiconductor cooling device according to claim 1, wherein said
2 controller watches an operating time of said refrigerant pump, and if a total operating
3 time of said refrigerant pump has reached a service life set in said controller, said
4 controller outputs an alarm signal.